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PORT ARTHUR CAPTURED BY JAPANESE AND ENTIRE RUSSIAN FLEET DEMOLISHED ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS WHICH MAY BE ECHOES OF THE OTHER FIGHTS

Despotic and Mighty Land and Sea Battle at Port Arthur Resulting in Complete Japanese Victory is Reported, But Lacks Official Confirmation

CINCINNATI, OHIO, FEB. 12.—THE ENQUIRER PRINTS A LONDON CABLE SAYING THAT A CIPHER MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CHEFOO TO A LEADING COMMERCIAL HOUSE, SAYING THAT PORT ARTHUR HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY A LAND ATTACK, AND THE ENTIRE RUSSIAN FLEET CAPTURED OR DESTROYED.

May be Only Echoes of First Fight

New York, Feb. 12.—A careful study of the reports from the far East indicates that but two engagements have taken place, namely that off Port Arthur, Monday night and Tuesday, and at Chemulpo, Monday and Tuesday, and that other accounts are but echoes of those engagements.

London, Feb. 12.—The Japanese minister says the Japanese government informs him that it has no official report of the battle of Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The government says it has received no telegrams from Admiral Alexiff, excepting those that have been made public.

Nothing Known of Baltic Fleets Passage

Berlin, Feb. 12.—It is officially announced here that nothing is known of the alleged passage or impending passage of the Russian Baltic fleet through the Kaiser Wilhelm channel.

President Issues Neutrality Proclamation

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—A proclamation of neutrality was issued by President Roosevelt last evening. It was drafted by Secretary Hay and submitted this afternoon to Attorney General Knox. It was then taken to the White House, where it received the approval of the President, who affixed his signature and made it public.

Russia May Attempt to Get Black Sea Fleet

London, Feb. 12.—It is now reported here that, in addition to attempting to get Turkey's permission to run its Black sea fleet through the Dardanelles, Russia is also trying to get Great Britain's consent to the passage. At the foreign office an official statement was issued last night to the effect that Russia had not broached this subject to the British government. It added that if this should be attempted without asking permission the act would constitute a grave breach of the treaty of Berlin.

Bishop Moore Was on Russian Steamship

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 12.—Cable correspondence from Chefoo published here says Bishop David H. Moore, of the Methodist Episcopal church was a passenger on the Russian steamer Mongolia, which was captured by the Japanese, while the vessel was going from Shanghai to Port Arthur.

Russian Admiral Reports the Damage Done

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The czar to-day received a telegram from Viceroy Alexiff describing the damage done to the Russian warships during the bombardment by the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur. It says:

"The Czarevitch and Pallada were brought into the harbor Tuesday. The Revizan is making temporary repairs to a hole. Repairs to the battleships are so complicated that it is difficult to say when the ships will be ready. The Pallada and Novik will be docked in turn and I expect them to be ready in a fortnight. All the other vessels injured in the fight are now repairing and coaling in the harbor. I expect them to be ready in three days."

It is officially announced that no news has been received here of the fight at Chemulpo, the landing of Japanese or the blowing up of a bridge on the Manchurian railway.

ALL LODGE MEMBERS

In Clarksburg Are Invited to a Social and Reception to Be Given by the Ladies of the Maccabees Next Friday Night.

The local order of the Ladies of the Maccabees will give a social and reception in their lodge rooms in the Smith building, on Main street, next Tuesday night and all of the members of all the lodges in Clarksburg are invited to attend. A chocolate supper will be served. The affair promises to be a very enjoyable one.

HOUSE

Votes in Favor of the Four Million Dollar Loan to the St. Louis World's Fair—Secretary Hay's Move Meets With Favor.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The House of Representatives in committee of the whole has voted in favor of the \$4,000,000 loan to the St. Louis Fair by 161 to 95.

Secretary Hay's movement to neutralize China meets with general favor. Proposals have been received from many powers but it is regarded proper to give them out until the whole matter is completed.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SHAFER.

The funeral of Mrs. Hattie Shafer will occur at the M. E. church, at Adamsfont, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and will be in charge of the Daughters of Rebecca. All members of the Rebecca lodge and all Odd Fellows are requested to meet at the Odd Fellows' hall at 12:45. Special arrangements have been made with the street car company to convey those who wish to attend.

EXCELLENT

Was the Production of "His Majesty and the Maid," at the Opera House Last Evening.

The production of "His Majesty and the Maid," at the Traders Grand Opera House Thursday evening was one of the star theatrical attractions that have been presented in Clarksburg this season and the company deserved a much larger audience than the one which witnessed it. Miss Mary Emerson, in the leading role charmed and captivated the audience. The stage settings were certainly elaborate. The attention paid to the little things throughout the setting made a harmonious and pleasing whole in all of the scenes and the beautiful costumes were in keeping. The play is novel, bright, well acted and finely staged and there is a plot that holds the attention of everyone with interest and pleasure.

Theo. L. Gardner is here from Salem. B. M. Simpson, of Fairmont, is a visitor in the city.

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

The emperor of all the Russias is in his thirty-sixth year and has ruled Russia nine years. The Hague peace tri-



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bunal was his idea, and he is strongly in favor of peace so long as it does not prove a barrier in the path of his empire's growth.

BALTIMORE

IS FAST EMERGING FROM THE CLOUD OF GLOOM AND BUSINESS IS BEING RESUMED.

Banks Have Opened For Business and Work of Rebuilding Has Already Begun.

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—All the banks opened for business to-day and next Monday the regular clearings will begin. The contents of all the bank vaults were found in good condition.

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—It has been decided to ask for no outside aid for the fire sufferers.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The cabinet has decided not to send troops to Baltimore. Governor Warfield has sent word that troops are not needed.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12.—Today marked the most cheerful advance Baltimore has yet made in emerging from the dark cloud cast upon it by the great conflagration of last Sunday and Monday. An incident that inspired the whole community with tremendous confidence was the resumption of business by the banks deposits being received and checks honored in the usual way. It would be difficult to estimate the volume of transactions in this respect but according to the leading bankers it was gratifyingly large in view of existing conditions.

The knowledge that Baltimore's terminal facilities are intact and that the grain elevators were not involved in the fiery tornado has also served to promote a popular conviction that the situation is not so dark as it has heretofore appeared. Indeed the optimistic feeling is manifestly growing that the calamity, though harrowing in every detail, will give the city an opportunity to readjust itself on new and more modern plans and that a new city of imposing grandeur is to rise from the ruins of the old.

SAW BALTIMORE FIRE

Philip Adler, Main Street Clothier, Was in Baltimore When the Fire Broke Out and Witnessed Conflagration.

Phillip Adler, the Main street clothier, has returned from an extended trip in eastern cities. He went to Baltimore to attend the wedding of his daughter, Miss Sadie Adler, to Mr. James Adler, which event occurred last Sunday night. The great fire broke out while Mr. Adler was in Baltimore and he witnessed the flames eat up many beautiful buildings. He says it was a terrible thing. He was also in other eastern cities while on his trip, buying a spring stock of goods.

UNDERWENT OPERATION.

S. D. Haines, of Lynch, was operated on at the City Hospital Thursday. A large tumor of the neck was removed. The operation was very successful and the patient is on the road to a rapid recovery.

Mrs. Jacob Koblegard is expected today to be the guest of her mother and sister at 137 Main street.

CRISIS

IN THE FEVER WHICH HOLDS SENATOR HANNA HAS BEEN REACHED.

TEMPERATURE FALLS, ACCORDING TO TO-DAY'S BULLETINS AND HE MAY RECOVER.

Is Resting Comfortably and All Conditions Are Favorable So Far—Relatives From Cleveland Go to Washington.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna's temperature at three o'clock was 102.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—At 9:00 a. m., this morning, the following bulletin was issued:

"Senator Hanna had a comfortable night but the fever was higher. Temperature 104, pulse more rapid, 112, respiration 28."

The irritability of the stomach has disappeared. It is said the doctors think the fever has reached a climax.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna's physicians think the climax of the fever has been reached and may continue from forty-eight to fifty-six hours. If the fever should break then the patient will have a good chance for recovery, but if it continues for a longer period the worst is to be feared, as the patient's strength is not sufficient to long withstand the ravages of the fever. All physicians were with him this morning.

By Associated Press. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 12.—Dan. R. Hanna had a telephone talk with Secretary Dover, at Washington. He says private advice are the same as the Associated Press dispatches. He does not believe his father's condition is alarming but wants to be near him during the crisis of the disease. He leaves for Washington this afternoon.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—It has been decided to send for Senator Hanna's son, Daniel, of Cleveland.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—A noon bulletin says Hanna's temperature is 101; pulse, 108; respiration, 29. Patient retains all nourishment. No complications.

VIOLATED SCHOOL LAW.

Mrs. Allie Lang, of the Wines addition, was fined two dollars and costs Friday afternoon by Magistrate S. W. Gordon for violating the compulsory school law by not sending her boy to school on the charge preferred by Truant Officer Andrew Lyon.

Miss Belle Miles, of Parkersburg, visited Mrs. Harvey F. Smith here yesterday. Miss Miles was enroute to Morgantown to attend the military ball which will be given here to-night.

THE MIKADO.

Mutsuhito, Japan's progressive ruler, ascended the throne in 1868, at the age of sixteen, and since then has trans-



MUTSUHITO, EMPEROR OF JAPAN, formed his country from barbarism to the position of a thoroughly up to date world power.

BOYS

SAVE THEIR HOMES TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND TRY THEIR FORTUNES.

Roy Custer and Bruce Johnson, of Monticello Addition, Get Tired of Clarksburg and Quietly Slip Away.

Roy Custer, son of George Custer, and Bruce Johnson, son of Harvey Johnson, living in Monticello addition, surreptitiously packed up a few of their belongings Thursday afternoon and left the town with the intention of going out into the world to try their fortunes. Both are young lads not over sixteen or eighteen years of age. The Custer boy had a deposit of \$38 in one of the savings banks which he drew out just before leaving. He was attending the public school and he picked up his things and left in the afternoon and it is thought that the two have boarded a train for Pittsburg. Anyway they are gone and their parents are not a little worried over their adventuresome departure.

One of the boys told a friend that they were going to Pittsburg to get positions on the street car line there as conductors and motormen. The other boy told a different story saying that they were going to Columbus, Ohio, to enlist in the standing army.

CIRCUIT COURT WILL TRY WILEY

William E. Wiley, alias "Kid" Wiley was bound over to circuit court in the penal sum of \$2,000 by Magistrate S. W. Gordon Thursday evening for stealing diamond jewelry to the value of \$1,100 from Babe Ross, of Baltimore. He was unable to furnish the bond and was committed to jail.

Miss Ada Robey, of Shinnston, is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. L. Randall, on Seamore street.



PORT ARTHUR, RUSSIA'S GREAT STRONGHOLD IN CHINA.

The Japanese bitterly resent the fact that Russia holds Port Arthur. They captured it from the Chinese, but Russia compelled them to evacuate because she wanted it herself. It is well fortified.

WAR BRIEFS

Four Russian ships at Vladivostok are reported ice-bound.

The Russian mail steamer Mongolia, which left Shanghai Sunday, is reported captured by the Japanese off Shang-Tung Peninsula.

The Russian Embassy at Vienna states that all Russian warships have been ordered to return home to their stations immediately.

The Russian volunteer cruiser Tamboy sailed from Olesna with a full cargo for the far East. The Russian steamers Kieff and Vladimir are starting to the far East this week.

MEN

Worked All Night Trying to Mend Break in Water Main on Main Street Thursday Night.

A serious break in the water main on Main street, in front of the residence of J. W. Williams, was repaired Friday morning after considerable trouble on the part of the employees of the city. Men worked all night Thursday in digging for the break and a great bonfire had to be built to soften the ground. The trouble was found to be in the packing of two joints in the piping where it had come out, leaving a place for leakage.

United States is Asked to Obtain Pledge, As China May Not be Able to Maintain Neutrality Throughout the War.

New York, Feb. 12.—The Herald publishes the following from its correspondent:

"Berlin, Thursday—I learn from a trustworthy source that China has asked the United States to obtain an international pledge as to the integrity of China.

According to information furnished at the Chinese legation here this is because China itself was unable to guarantee the permanence of her neutrality during the war. My authority at the legation says the position of the Chinese government is this:

China is prepared to maintain strict neutrality for the time being, but how long such an attitude is possible will depend on events. It must be remembered that not only is war being fought about Manchuria, Chinese territory, but

fighting is certain on Chinese soil. If the Chinese population becomes excited an uprising may be unavoidable.

Further it may be neither possible nor desirable for China to remain passive. It has 30,000 well equipped troops at Pechili, close to the Manchurian frontier ready for any emergency.

Count Tombe, the Swedish minister here, had several conferences with Baron von Richthofen. I understand the Swedes fear Anglo-Saxon complications and foresee the possibility of England seizing the Baltic on the island on Goshland as a coaling base, which the Swedes would surrender after a show of resistance. Then Russia would declare Sweden had violated her neutrality. King Oscar may postpone his projected trip to Abbazia and a mobilization of the Swedish army is not impossible.

SUDDEN LARGE ATTENDANCE

WAS THE DEATH OF REV. JOHN S. RIBBLET, PROMINENT BAPTIST DIVINE OF THIS COUNTY.

WAS FOUND DEAD IN A CHAIR AT HOME OF HIS NEPHEW ON LAMBERT'S RUN.

Had Been in Clarksburg on Thursday to See His Wife Who is in a Hospital—Many Friends Are Shocked and Pained at His Death.

Rev. John S. Ribblet, a prominent and widely known Baptist minister of this county, died suddenly Friday morning at the home of his nephew on Lambert's Run. He was apparently in his usual good health and his death was very sudden and unexpected. Friday morning was found sitting in a chair in his room dead.

The deceased was one of the most prominent and respected residents of the county. He was over seventy years of age, but was still engaged in his work as a Baptist minister. He was the pastor of the Enon Baptist church, near Bristol, this county, and one of the Liberty Baptist church and Pine Grove Baptist church in Doddridge county.

On Thursday Rev. Ribblet was in this city to see his wife who is a patient at the City Hospital. He returned to the home of his nephew and was in his usual health. He did not complain of any illness. Heart failure was the cause of his demise.

The deceased was an estimable gentleman with a genial kindhearted disposition and a devout servant of the Christian church. A large circle of friends and acquaintances will be grieved and pained to hear of his sudden death.

The remains will be brought to this city to the home of his nephew on Water street, where funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. L. W. Holden and Rev. R. B. McDanel. Final services and burial will take place at the Mount Olive Baptist church, near Salem, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

RELATIVES

Of Miner Who Was Killed in Pinnickinnick Mine, Arrive Here—Burial Will Occur Saturday in This City.

W. H. Iderton, of Kansas City, Mo., electrician for the Kansas City Bolt and Nut Company, has arrived in the city in response to telegrams notifying him of the death of his father, Albert Iderton, who was killed while at work in the Pinnickinnick coal mine by a fall of coal and shale. He is accompanied by his sister, Mrs. May Sumstine, also of Kansas City.

Final arrangements for the burial of the remains will not be made until other relatives who are on the way, arrive here. In all probability the funeral will take place Saturday afternoon in this city.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eyat, of Glen Falls, died Thursday evening. The remains were brought to Clarksburg and buried in the Holy Cross cemetery Friday afternoon.

And Great Interest Displayed in the Revival Meetings at Goff M. E. Church.

Rev. L. M. Barnard preached a strong and helpful sermon upon a vital subject last night, viz: "The New Birth," Sa. Jon 3:4. A very large audience listened with deep interest to the sermon and four persons presented themselves at the altar of prayer in the after service which followed. The singing was a very attractive feature of the evening as it has been in all the series of meetings. Misses Mable and Alma Rittenmutter sang a beautiful duet, which was greatly enjoyed.

The services to-night will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. L. N. Coffield will preach the sermon. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these meetings and share in the blessing to be derived therefrom.

THIEVES

Break Into Cold Storage Room at Glen Elk Hotel and Steal Six Dressed Chickens Thursday Night.

Unknown thieves broke into the cold storage room at the Glen Elk hotel on Thursday night and stole six dressed chickens which were lying there ready to be cooked and served up on the dinner table at the hotel. As a consequence the hotel was a little short on its excellent cuisine Friday. The thief left no clue save a pair of white gloves which looked as if they had been used by a worker in a coal mine for some time. Their once immaculate whiteness had disappeared.

BURIED

At Mid-Night in Odd Fellows' Cemetery Were Remains of Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Davis, of Point Comfort, Who Died of Small Pox.

The burial of Mattie Davis, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Davis, of Point Comfort, who died on Thursday morning a victim of small pox, occurred Thursday mid-night. The interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. All of the usual precautions were made to prevent contagion and spread of the dread disease. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Davis sympathize with them in their sad affliction.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

For Teachers of Grant and Union Districts Held at Mount Clare, Well Attended and Very Interesting.

The teachers of Grant and Union districts began an institute in the Southern Methodist church building at Mount Clare Friday morning. There was a good attendance and much interest displayed. County Superintendent L. Weyman Ogden, George C. McKinley and Prof. S. E. Swartz, of Broadus College, left this city Thursday morning to be in attendance and participate in the program.